

It is extremely counterproductive to the democratic process to allow any more consolidation of ownership of news media than already exists. We are already at risk of losing choice in the public forum. The variety of news outlets may be great because of the Internet, etc., but if you look at research into how the American public gets its news, it is, sadly, overwhelmingly from television. The homogeneity of TV news is already problematic. A democracy cannot flourish without an informed voter population, and a population cannot be informed without competing voices. For the sake of our future, please do not remove any constraints to allow further consolidation of news ownership.